

Foreign News

SAN SALVADOR.—Serious rioting has occurred in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, and the minister of the interior, Francisco J. Mejia, has been killed.

SANTIAGO, Chile.—Both houses of parliament have approved the measure granting the president of the republic the right to declare the country in a state of siege for the purpose of preventing disorders provoked by the Maximalists, who have arrived in Chilean territory.

LONDON.—The house of commons re-assembled Feb. 4, and the house was crowded everywhere. Sir Donald Maclean is the newly elected chairman of the remnant of the Asquithian party.

—The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress decided to summon a special meeting to consider the whole question of industrial unrest. The corporation of the city of Belfast asked the Lord Mayor to intervene in the strike.

—The union of locomotive engineers and firemen issued notices ending the strike. Secretary Bromley said that if consideration had previously been given to the physical disability of the men working on continuous service, the strike never would have occurred.

—The threatened strike of railway clerks has been averted. The employers have conceded the recognition of the railway clerks' union.

—A mass meeting of Glasgow, Govan and Clydebank strikers resolved to continue the struggle for a forty-hour week and called on the executive councils to co-operate with the strikers or resign.

—The war cabinet has decided to allow an increase of 25 per cent on the existing permitted statutory barrelage of beer and to increase by three degrees the average gravi-

ty of beer. The government, however, will still maintain control of prices.

—Import regulations, covering 49 commodities have been promulgated by the British government for the protection of its industries during the reconstruction period. Some commodities will be restricted after March 1st and others (certain foods and raw materials) after July 1st.

DUBLIN.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin announced that the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary for Ireland were arranging for the early liberation of imprisoned Sinn Feiners.

PARIS.—Municipal barracks stores will be erected shortly throughout Paris in which food-stuffs will be sold direct by the city to consumers.

—Brigadier General Hart of the U. S. Army says that "the reports concerning the large number of murders by American soldiers in Paris are untrue. They are greatly exaggerated." The Associated Press found on investigations that apaches of all nationalities dressed in American uniforms were mainly responsible for the acts of violence.

—The Luxemburg chamber of deputies adopted tentatively a bill granting women the right to vote and to be elected to office.

BRUSSELS.—Sixty German prisoners, three French officers and one American, were killed and many injured when a munition train exploded on the railway between Aubange and Longwy today. The accident was due to a soldier dropping a shell.

AMSTERDAM.—A great general strike which embraces the whole northwest of Hungary started at Komorn, according to advices from Budapest. All business was suspended and hotels and cafes closed.

COPENHAGEN.—Two ships, a

Norwegian fishing steamer and a Swedish steamer, have been sunk by mines with the loss of 25 lives, according to reports received here.

—Shipyardworkers in Kiel have struck to prevent foodstuffs from reaching government authorities, according to despatches received here.

CAPE TOWN, Africa.—The South African Government has refused passports to Gen. Christian de Wet and Pieter Grobler, members of a Nationalist deputation appointed by the Bloemfontein Congress to go to Paris and lay before the peace congress proposals for an independent South Africa.

BLOEMFONTEIN, S. Africa.—A congress of representatives of all the provinces in the South African Union has confirmed the establishment of the Federated Farmers' Cooperative Association of South Africa the object of which is to export produce and import supplies on the largest scale.

Rotating Tree is Puzzle of Forest.

A cross section of the great old spruce tree from Alaska tells the story of a tree which executed a spin, like a ballet-dancer. This cross section shows a most peculiar spiral structure, which has caused a great deal of speculation among the various foresters throughout the country and a very interesting explanation is advanced in American Forestry.

It is known that a tree growing at a slant forms on the lower side of the trunk a dense reddish wood known as "rotholz." This spiral in this case is of such sort, and as it is a continuous formation, winding from the centre to within half an inch from the circumference, it is surmised that it was growing in an inclined position on the edge of a glacier, where by some shifting it was caused to rotate, so that all sides of the tree were successively on the downward slide. Thus, as the tree grows, and its rotation continued slowly, the "rotholz" developed into a spiral.

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